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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

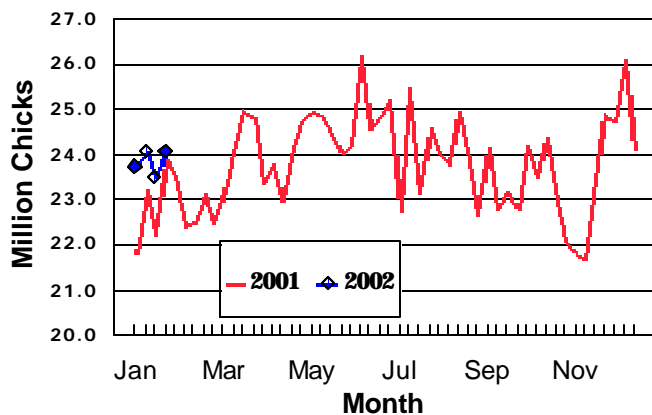
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending January 26, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and 2 percent above the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through January 26, 2002 were 95.5 million, up 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.0 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but slightly below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

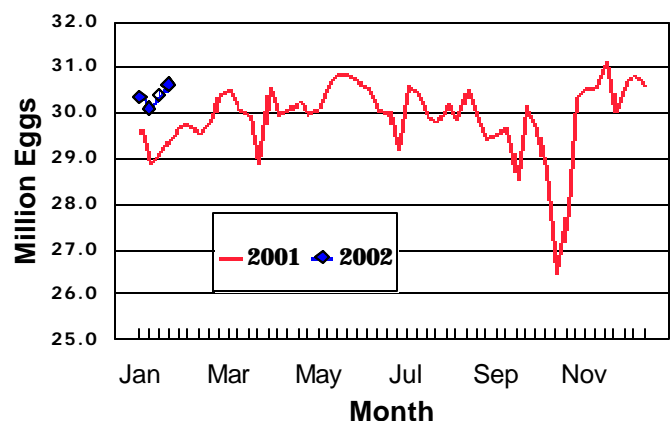
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 26, 2002, up 4 percent from the same period last year and 1 percent above the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000-01	2001-02	% Change	2000-01	2001-02	% Change	2000-01	2001-02	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 22	23,229	26,129	112	24,531	25,714	105	29,348	30,830	105
Dec. 29	21,286	23,849	112	23,577	24,677	105	27,110	30,596	113
Jan. 5	21,817	23,768	109	23,608	25,194	107	29,608	30,326	102
Jan. 12	23,255	24,092	104	23,689	25,342	107	28,905	30,121	104
Jan. 19	22,233	23,526	106	22,086	25,087	114	29,167	30,421	104
Jan. 26	23,892	24,074	101	24,010	24,968	104	29,413	30,623	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001-2002

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	05-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	%	22-Dec	29-Dec	05-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	%
Alabama	29,029 *	28,820	29,208 *	29,203	107	21,526	22,437	22,209	22,107	22,781 *	22,013	107
ARKANSAS	30,326	30,121	30,421	30,623	104	26,129	23,849	23,768	24,092	23,526	24,074	100
Delaware	3,466	3,456	3,394	3,672	95	5,103	4,371	4,756	4,516	4,825 *	5,184	96
Florida	2,423	2,246	2,304	2,253	91	2,482	2,274	2,279	2,331	2,389	2,354	105
Georgia	31,349 *	31,768	31,387 *	31,455	103	26,096	25,694	26,359	25,753	24,895 *	26,072	107
Maryland	8,669	8,462	8,851 *	8,572	103	6,605	5,001	5,267	5,690	5,166 *	4,960	101
Mississippi	18,829 *	18,912	18,289 *	18,359	102	15,654	15,274	15,991	15,982	15,956 *	15,658	103
N. Carolina	18,896 *	18,481	18,567	18,348	109	15,124	14,245	14,673	15,213	15,016	14,381	105
Pennsylvania	3,720	3,590	3,797 *	3,504	95	2,652	2,645	2,719	2,735 *	2,577 *	2,646	95
S. Carolina	4,712	4,705	4,591	4,742	102	3,751	4,225	3,685	3,883	3,803	3,697	87
Texas	15,360	14,940	14,674	15,291	106	11,795	11,831	11,929	11,956	12,183	12,092	108
Virginia	6,634	6,277	6,218	6,602	100	5,089	5,104	5,868	5,650	5,622 *	5,726	108
CA TN & W VA	10,654	10,617	10,528 *	10,966	98	9,090	9,319	9,194	8,872	9,925 *	9,353	94
Total 2001-2002	184,067 *	182,395	182,229 *	183,590		151,096	146,269	148,697	148,780 *	148,664 *	148,210	
Total 2000-2001	178,831	179,729	179,208	177,434		144,082	138,710	142,848	143,870	142,278	143,929	
% PREV. YEAR	103	101	102	103		105	105	104	103	104	103	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						09-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,733	6,734	6,700 *	6,556	--		5,311	5,269	5,576	5,497	4,779 *	5,723	--
*Oklahoma	6,565	6,078	6,078	6,350	--		4,495	5,082	3,985	4,828	4,590	4,580	--
*LA & MO	8,836	8,670	9,090	8,900	--		8,540	8,418	10,207	9,020	9,599	8,605	--
19 StateTotal	206,201 *	203,877	204,097 *	205,396			169,442	165,038	168,465	168,125 *	167,632 *	167,118	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 184 million eggs during the week ending January 26, 2002. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 26, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through January 26, 2002 were 594 million, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.